

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

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The 9:00 a.m. service will be livestreamed and posted today on our YouTube channel and our website.

10th Sunday After Pentecost, July 28, 2024, 9:00 a.m. - Online Edition

* = Please stand as you are able All congregational responses are in **bold**
(Young Families: There are two “activity boxes” for children located under the ushers’ bench at the rear of the sanctuary.)

Welcome to Muddy Creek!
Announcements, Good Morning/Waving Hello
Prelude: *The Lord’s Prayer*.....A. H. Malotte
*Confession and Forgivenesspages 94 – 96

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen.**
L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: **Amen.**

L: Most merciful God, C: **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. C: **Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn: “Praise and Thanksgiving”#689
1. Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
2. God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.
3. Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom’s guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.
4. Then will your blessing reach ev’ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

*Greeting L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: **And also with you**page 138

*Kyrie.....page 138

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us , gracious Lord. C: **Amen.**

*Canticle of Praise (“Glory to God in the highest...”).....page 139

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

C: **Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Prayer of the Day C: **Amen**

Special Music: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*.....D. Lantz

Performed by Greg Gehman as a duet with himself on both pipe organ and piano

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to Elisha, the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, “Give it to the people and let them eat.” ⁴³ But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” So he repeated, “Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, ‘They shall eat and have some left.’” ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 145:10-18 (Congregational responses in bold)

¹⁰ All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**

¹² that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through- | out all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,
and you give them their food | in due season.**

¹⁶ You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

¹⁷ **You are righteous in | all your ways**

and loving in ¹ all your works.

¹⁸ You are near to all who ¹ call upon you,
to all who call up- ¹ on you faithfully.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

*Gospel Acclamation:page 142
(**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia**)

*Gospel: John 6:1-14 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message
Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: "O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate".....#722

1. O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme
to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.

2. As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.

Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that no may weep alone,
and help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.

3. O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.

4. O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall,
whose arms stretched wide upon the cross embrace and bear us all:
come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways,
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is
seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Thanksgiving for Offering C: **We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**
(Offering to Muddy Creek or Disaster Relief may be contributed online through the
church website, mclchurch.org, "Give Online" button on the home page.)

*Hymn #752 ("Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.")

*Prayers of the Church P: Lord, in your mercy C: **Hear our prayer**

*Lord's Prayer.....page 145

**Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be
done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever
and ever. Amen.**

*Blessing C: **Amen** (sung response)

*Sending Song: "Great is Thy Faithfulness".....#733

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I
see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Refrain)

*Dismissal P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Trumpet Voluntary*.....J. Clark
 Immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service, you are invited to stay in the sanctuary for a time of fellowship and refreshments, courtesy today of Fred Hainley. Thanks!!
 And Happy 82nd Birthday, Fred, this past Friday!

Announcements

Welcome to everyone, especially all visitors and guests! If you are visiting today, it would be really appreciated if you would fill out the yellow card in your pew and put it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor. Welcome!

Notes for Online Participants:

If you would like to pick up prefilled home communion kits of wafers and grape juice in order to participate online along with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month, please contact Pastor Peter or pick them up from the box on the table under the church mailboxes. Or, if you wish, you may use bread and grape juice/wine from your own home.

Offering to Muddy Creek or Disaster Relief may be contributed online through the church website, melchurch.org, "Give Online" button on the home page.

Deadline to Fill Out the Time, Talent and Interest Survey is Today! As we plan for the future, the Church Council recognizes that our greatest asset is our people! Please take the time to fill out the Time, Talent and Interest Survey using the link that was sent to you if we have your email address on file. If you did not receive a link in your email, just click on the link on the church website, melchurch.org. Even though completing the survey online is our preference, if you would like to fill out a paper copy instead, copies are available on the table under the church mailboxes in the sanctuary. You may return them in the marked box at the same location. Thank you for taking the time to fill out the survey!

If you have already filled out the survey, we thank you very much!! Thank you to the 40 people to date who have filled out the survey either online or on paper!

Congratulations Today to Barbara Fink and Richard Yerger, who are getting married at 11:00 a.m. in the church. Congratulations, Rich and Barb!

Next Sunday, we are honored to have Jeanette Leid displaying her latest artwork in the sanctuary before and after both worship services. Thank you, Jeanette!

Pastor Peter Will be on Vacation from tomorrow (July 29th) until Wednesday, August 7th. In case of pastoral emergencies during this time, please contact Pastor Sandy Gideon at 717-484-1172. Pastor Bob Kramer will be preaching and leading worship here next Sunday.

Collection of School Supplies (Notebooks, Pens and Rulers) and Soap Bars Begins Today: Please bring in school supply items and bars of soap for the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering and place them in the marked bin by church mailboxes. Due to your past generosity and surplus leftovers, this year will only be focusing on collecting spiral notebooks, pens and rulers. The collection ends Sept. 8th, and we will be assembling the school kits after the 10:15 a.m. service on Sept. 15. Thanks!

Next Sunday (the first Sunday of the month), Please Bring in Food Items for our Local Food Pantry, Peter's Porch, and place them in the marked bins at any of the church entrances.

The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets at Yvonne Weaver's house, on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please note: There will be no prayer shawl gatherings on August 13 or August 27. Contact: Yvonne Weaver at 717-371-6453. All are invited!

The Altar Flowers Today are given by Richard and Barbara Yerger in honor of their wedding today.

The Sign Up for Altar Flower Sponsorships is on the table outside Pastor Peter's office. If you wish, you may sponsor flowers in honor or in memory of someone. Cost is \$45.

Upcoming "Over 80" Birthdays:

August 7 - Mary Zerbe, 93

August 14 - Bea Ebersole, 99 (our oldest Muddy Creek member!)

In our Prayers: Gloria Aseli, Linny Ansel, Dorothy Beam, Sara and Ken Frazer, Molly Fritz, James Henderson, Missy Joppy, Betty Kramer, Helen Martin, Josephine Martin, the Martin family, Katie McCalicher, Charles Moyer, Paul Moyer, Tom and Audrey Riggle, Joanne Saylor, Mary Ann Seidel, Susan Siegel, Becky Thunberg

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance July 21: 8:00 a.m. - 24, 9:00 a.m. - 45, Online views (includes livestream) - 22

Received through end of June: \$129,884.46

Expenses thru June: \$102,896.32

Received on July 21: \$3,115.30

Received July to date: \$12,618.65

9 AM Worship Helpers Today:

Acolyte - Jack Lammey Lay Reader - Hollie Kemper

Cantor - Greg Gehman Money Counters - Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper

Worship Helpers Next Sunday, August 4:

8 am Communion Assistant - Scott Strickland

Bread Baker - Marliese Smith

9 am Communion Assistant and Acolyte -

9 am Lay Reader -

9 am Cantor - Hollie Kemper

9 am Money Counters - June and Neal Leid